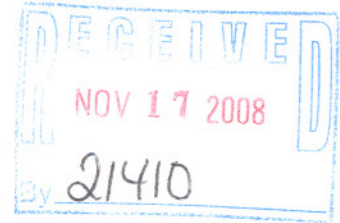


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November 14, 2008

Eileen Swan, Executive Director
Highlands Council
100 North Road
Chester, NJ 07930

Dear Ms. Swan:

Enclosed please find a signed and sealed copy of Resolution No. 155 – 2008 – Notice of Intent to Petition the Highlands Council for Plan Conformance.

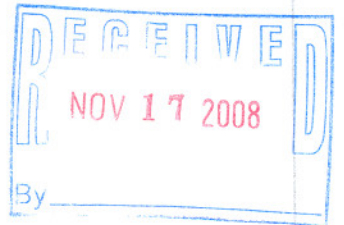
If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at 973-347-6503.

Very truly yours,

Doris Flynn
Municipal Clerk

Enc.

**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 155 - 2008**



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL
FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE**

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., finds and declares that protection of the New Jersey Highlands is an issue of State level importance because of its vital link to the future of the State's drinking water supplies and other key natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act creates a coordinated land use planning system requiring the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) to prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan for the Highlands Region and requiring that within nine to 15 months after September 8, 2008, each county and municipality located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area must submit a Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council for that portion of its jurisdiction lying within the Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act specifies that conformance with the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance) requires revisions to municipal and county master plans and development regulations as applicable to the development and use of land to align them with the goals, requirements, and provisions of the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines require that for jurisdictions with any lands in the Preservation Area, a Notice of Intent to conform to the Regional Master Plan must be submitted to the Highlands Council as soon as practicable, but not later than February 1, 2009 and that for any lands in the Planning Area, a Notice of Intent may be submitted at any time; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Byram lies within the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Byram believes that it is in the best interest of the Byram Township to conform to the Regional Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Township of Byram hereby provides the Highlands Council with this Notice of Intent to petition the Highlands Council for Plan Conformance for all lands lying within the Preservation Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Notice of Intent additionally specifies that the Governing Body of the Township of Byram intends to include all lands lying within the Planning Area in the petition. In accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines, this Notice of Intent is not binding with respect to lands within the Planning Area.

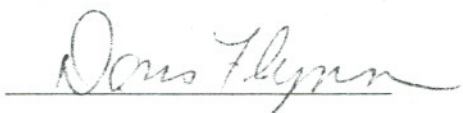
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Notice of Intent provides notice to the Highlands Council that the Governing Body of the Township of Byram has set December 8, 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance. The Township of Byram hereby reserves its right and authority to Petition COAH for Substantive Certification prior to December 31, 2008.

BYRAM TOWNSHIP MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBER	Councilman Olson	Councilman Rafferty	Councilman Thompson	Councilman Oscovitch	Mayor Danielson
By:	X				
2nd				X	
Yes	X	X	X	X	X
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

ATTEST:

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Byram Township Council at a meeting held on November 13, 2008.



Doris Flynn, Township Clerk